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SUBJECT: TRIAL VERDICTS

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1. ROKG ANNOUNCED EVENING AUGUST 12 VERDICTS FOR BISHOP CHI, REV. PARK HYONG KYU, KIM DONG IL, AND KIM CHAN KUK AS PER REFTTEL. LATER COURT ALSO ANNOUNCED THREE YEAR SENTENCE FOR EX-PRESIDENT YUN PO-SON BUT SUSPENDED IT FOR FIVE YEARS.

2. ACCORDING TO KOREAN NEWSPAPER SOURCE AND G-2, YUN PO-SON IS NOW RESTRICTED TO HIS RESIDENCE. BOTH HE AND REV. PARK REFUSED TO GO VOLUNTARRILY TO COURT FOR SENTENCING AND EVENTUALLY HAD TO BE BROUGHT FORCEFULLY INTO THE COURT ROOM. YUN HAD ALREADY TOLD HIS FRIEND SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER THAT HE WOULD REFUSE ANY FURTHER VOLUNTARY APPEARANCE IN COURT.

3. BOTH PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC CHURCH GROUPS HELD BIG SERVICES AUGUST 12 FOR THEIR BROTHERS IN PRISON.

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PROTESTANT SERVICE AT SAE MUN NANG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WAS LED BY REF. KANG SIN MYUNG WITH OVER 1,500 PERSONS
IN ATTENDANCE. PRAYERS AVOIDED CHALLENGING GOVERNMENT
ON EMERGENCY DECREES, BUT ASKED IN GENERAL TERMS DEVINE
HELP AND SUSTENANCE FOR THOSE NOW SUFFERING FOR THEIR
FAITH. CATHOLIC MASS AT MYONG DONG CATHEDRAL LED
BY CARDINAL KIM WAS ATTENDED BY OVERFLOW CROWD OF MORE
THAN 2,000 PERSONS. ALL BUT A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF
PARTICIPANTS WERE LAY PEOPLE RATHER THAN PRIESTS AND
NUNS WHO HAD MADE UP MAJOR PART OF CONGREGATIONS AT
SIMILAR, PREVIOUS SERVICES. PRAYERS AT CATHOLIC
SERVICE REPORTEDLY MUCH MORE EXPLICITLY POLITICAL,
ASKING FOR RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM OF
RELIGION, AS WELL AS RELEASE OF BISHOP CHI AND OTHER
SUFFERING CHRISTIANS.
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